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deutsche Volkspartei in 1899 declared insurance against the consequences of undeserved unemployment to be the most important problem of German social politics (p. 29). Dr. Baab protests against letting thousands suffer while the theory of each individual question involved in unemployment insurance is being studied out and cleared up and all eventualities suggested by such a remedy are being considered (p. 3). If progress in the matter of such relief is to be made, there must be a "*Sprung ins Dunkle*."

The author emphasizes society's responsibility for the evil of unemployment, and urges activity by community, state, and nation, in affording the greatest possible measure of relief. In the third part of the book he points out the possibilities of so arranging public work as to make employment and sets forth the necessity of a definite foresighted plan for creating employment through public works. Discussion of agitation and of legislation for unemployment relief in Germany, enumeration and discussion of various forms of unemployment offices, discussion of the extent and duration of unemployment (p. 137ff), premiums and methods of classification (p. 121), discussion of the obligation of the worker to take work offered to him (p. 105), a classification of persons for insurance purposes (p. 89ff), a suggestive outline for a law to provide a unified system of employment offices (pp. 343-349), and also an outline for a unified system of unemployment insurance—this enumeration affords an idea of the comprehensive character of the book which ought to have no little influence in promoting additions to and improvements in Germany's already extensive system of working class protection. Dr. Baab with good sense notes that it would be unfortunate to be discouraged because of the failure of the St. Gall experiment. Exception should be taken to the statement (p. 6) that Germany with its 2,215,165 (estimated) union workers at the end of 1903 had more union workers than either England or the United States.

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